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A LIVELY CONTEST DEVELOPED OVER CHAIR

will begin to-morrow, is overshadowed to-day by the meeting of the regular National Republican Committee. This meeting is also called for to-morrow. It will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning, two hours before the club men begin their deliberations, and it is expected that all of the business before it will be finished by noon of the hour at which President Clarkson intends to call the League assembly to order.

When this special meeting of the National Committee was called comparatively little interest was felt in it; the general understanding being that Chairman Carter merely desired to get the members together for the purpose of consultation, and that he had no other object in view than this, and to desire to assist Mr. Clarkson in making the club gathering a success. In other words, this meeting was part of a plan that embraced with the League convention those of the Tariff League, the

Such was evidently the thought in Mr. Carter's mind when he issued the call. The National convention those of the 1840 League, the Women's Republican League and the college clubs in order that this second attempt on the part of the party managers to give an impetus to Republicanism in Dixie might be as vigorous as possible.

mind when he issued the call. The National Committee meeting was to be one void of special significance, but the way in which matters have developed here within the last thirty-six hours inspires the belief that it may prove as exciting as the famous meeting in Washington last June, after Chairman Campbell had tendered his resignation. This is in consequence of the vigorous opposition that has developed against Chairman Carter's continuance in office. This opposition manifested itself yesterday with the arrival

manifested itself yesterday with the arrival of Richard Kerens, Powell Clayton and N. B. Scott. Mr. Kerens is a member of the committee from Missouri. Mr. Clayton represents Arkansas in the National Committee. Mr. Scott is the member from West Virginia. He is a warm friend of Stephen B. Ellings. His opposition to Mr. Carter

Stephen B. Elkins. His opposition to Mr. Carter is attributed to a desire on his part to have Mr. Elkins made the chairman of the committee.

Those gentlemen constitute a tripartite, marked-activity, and they have been working hard since their arrival urging their views upon the other members. One of the chief arguments that set forth is that Mr. Carter is not legally chairman. They say that he was simply the choice of the executive committee, and that the executive committee had power from the general committee to name officers for the latter for the campaign only; that Mr. Carter is not, even a member of the general committee, that, though

member of the general committee, that he holds the proxy for Montana at present, could not now be elected to represent that State and that even if he could, the National Committee would not select him for its office. This is the main argument against Mr. Carter, but it is frequently supplemented, when discussion grows warm, by criticism by his opponents of the way in which he managed the last campaign. Mr. Kerens is particularly severe—a fact that Mr. Carter's friends declare is a personal difference that took place between the chairman and the member from Missouri.

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Mr. Kerens's crusade had gained considerable headway when Mr. Manley, of Maine; Mr. Harb, of New-Jersey, and other Eastern members of the committee, arrived last night. The

of the committee arrived last night. The members listened attentively to what the leaders of the opposition had to say, and while admitting the force of the argument as to the legality of Mr. Carter's election, they pointed out the impropriety of making any change at present, suggesting that it was easy for the General Committee to legalize what had been done by the Executive Committee.

what had been said, and they declared that they were not sympathetic with any effort that sought to blot out the name of the great hero of the Revolution from the ballot. Mr. Manley and Mr. Hobart were each in turn urged to accept the chairmanship, but both declared in the most emphatic manner that they would not do so under any circumstances, and that they would oppose any claim for the present. Some one suggested Mr. Garrison's election in place of Mr. Carter, but Mr. Krens, it is reported, declared that such a change would not be satisfactory.

As a result of the conference, an active campaign was waged by both sides, and it has been kept up throughout the afternoon and evening. So far as can be learned, however, the majority indorse the position taken by Mr. Manley, Mr. Hobart and Mr. Martin, who represent Pennsylvania. Ex-Senator Lipeard Stewart, who holds Mr. Etheridge's proxy for New-York State, agreed with the Manley and Now-Jersey view of the case. So does A.

Fessenden's proxy from Connecticut; so do Dr. Bartlett, of New-Hampshire; Dr. Potter, of Rhode-Island; Mr. Hain, of Ohio, and Dr. McGee, of the District of Columbia. J. S. Clarkson, who represents Iowa, will, of course, stand by Mr. Cartwright, of Indiana, it is said, in sympathy with Mr. Korens, but, assuming that he represents the ex-President's view, Mr. Carter's friends say that he cannot well make an active fight against the present chairman in view of the letters that

have passed between Mr. Harrison and Mr. Carter since the campaign closed. These letters, they say, express the heartiest commendations of Mr. Carter's management of the canvass.

is unwise to take action now, or, as one member expressed it, "to have a row at a funeral," it is more than likely that no change will be made. In the mean time an exceedingly lively canvass is going on, and one that distracts attention from the great league meeting.

Mr. Carter has been here since yesterday. He is at the Louisville Hotel. Apparently, he is the most complacent frame of mind. He smiles and is very gracious to him, and says that it is

at the opposition to him, and says that it will not amount to anything. He talks more, in fact, about the claims of Mr. De Young, of California, who insists that he is chairman now because

was regularly elected vice-chairman when L. Campbell, of Illinois, was chosen head of the committee, and that consequently on Mr. Campbell's resignation he became his successor in office. It is practically settled, however, that the majority of the committee agree with Mr. Manley and Mr. Hobart in supporting Mr. Carter, a resolution will be adopted to-morrow endorsing the action taken by the executive committee in selecting Mr. Carter and other officers, and leaving it to the office that is all over.

and continuing them in office—that is, all, except Mr. McComas, who resigned from the secretaries when he was appointed Judge of the District of Columbia. Mr. Manley will be elected to succeed Mr. McComas to-morrow, and he will occupy the place.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the League Convention promises to be more successful than the last.